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Wisconsin Ag News – **Farms and Land in Farms**



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The total number of farms in Wisconsin in 2020 was 64,400, down 500 from 2019 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Farms and Land in Farms 2020 Summary report. The largest decrease was in the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class, down 300 farms from 2019.

Total land in farms for Wisconsin during 2020 was 14.3 million acres, unchanged since 2017.

Farms and Land in Farms Percent by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2020 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% \$500,000 -\$249 999 \$499 999 \$999,999 ■Number of Farms □Land in farms

Wisconsin's average farm size in 2020 was 222 acres, up 2 acres from 2019. The average farm size for those in the \$100,000-\$249,999 sales class increased 4 acres from 2019.

Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2016-2020

[Farms and ranches are classified in "sales classes" by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments.]

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	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$499,999	\$500,000- \$999,999	\$1,000,000 & over	Total
Number of Farms							
2016	29,200	20,200	7,000	4,400	2,700	2,200	65,700
2017	28,700	20,100	7,000	4,300	2,550	2,150	64,800
2018	28,800	20,100	6,900	4,300	2,550	2,150	64,800
2019	29,000	20,200	7,000	4,250	2,400	2,050	64,900
2020	28,700	20,100	6,900	4,250	2,400	2,050	64,400
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2016	1,900	2,900	2,100	2,000	1,900	3,600	14,400
2017	1,800	2,900	2,100	2,000	1,900	3,600	14,300
2018	1,800	2,900	2,100	2,000	1,900	3,600	14,300
2019	1,900	2,900	2,100	2,100	1,800	3,500	14,300
2020	1,900	2,900	2,100	2,100	1,800	3,500	14,300
Average Farm Size, acres							
2016	65	144	300	455	704	1,636	219
2017	63	144	300	465	745	1,674	221
2018	63	144	304	465	745	1,674	221
2019	66	144	300	494	750	1,707	220
2020	66	144	304	494	750	1,707	222

United States Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in the United States for 2020 is estimated at 2,019,000, down 4,400 farms from 2019. The number of farms in all sales classes declined. In 2020, 51.1% of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales and 81.5% of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. In 2020, 7.4% of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Total land in farms, at 896,600,000 acres, decreased 800,000 acres from 2019. The biggest change for 2020 is that producers in Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 operated 550,000 fewer acres than in 2019. In 2020, 30.1% of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales, while 40.8% of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of \$500,000 or more.

The average farm size for 2020 is 444 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Average farm size increased in the \$250,000 - \$499,999, \$500,000-\$999,999, and \$1,000,000 or more sales classes and remained unchanged in all others.